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By ...LEY M. LEETE, JR.

...I saw in Max Flindt's ...etter sharpening labora... ...terday practically knocked ...a ghoul. Yes, sir, he's ...lock there in the form of ...a skull. The skull rolls ...s in tune with the time. ...black eyelashes tell you ...e it is, as the black pu... ...the spook's eyes roll ...The left eye tells the ...hile the right one marks ...ntes. This weird time... ...s carved out of highly ...maple. It belongs to Al ...t, whose wife, Edna, ...ooner than not get rid of ...as sent to Al by relatives ...ny some years ago.

...Campus Vitus sends us ...with an invite to some of ...ampfoolery, a list of odd ...of mining localities in ...a. Here it is: Salt Pork ...Potatoe Hill, Mugawamp, ...anyon, Devils' Basin, Last ...Red Caps' Bar, Bunkum... ...Hickey Slide, One Horse ...Greenhorn Creek, Hum... ...ch, Sucker Flat, Red Dog ...s, Snail Gulch, Shirt Tail ...Digger Creek, Poppet Dig... ...Wolf Bar, Hell's Delight, ...od, Buckeye Flat, Oak ...ass Hill, Squaw Creek, ...int Hill, Brandy Creek, ...orse Gulch, Rot Gut, Dog ...Mad Ox Kanyon, Yankee ...Sailor's Diggings, Calf ...Jim Town, Rattlesnake ...ney, Hardscrabble, Hen... ...ty, Coffee Creek, Poverty ...orseshoe Bend, Secret Ra... ...ckass Gulch, Don Pedro's ...man Ravine, Rough and ...Blanket Creek, Angels' ...Lovers' Hollow, Mosquito ...Bottle Hill Pitchfork, ...k City, Bloody Run, Pep... ...r, Louse Village, Hang... ...Ground Hogs' Glory, Rag... ...eches Bar, Rum Blossom ...Grizzly Bear Ravine, Egg... ...ttlement, Mad Mule Kan...

...last election in which our ...Scoop Thurman, deserved... ...through number one, ...out a peculiarity in the ...of precincts here in Ne... ...ty. Up on Boulder Street, ...ance, W. C. Perry has to ...r out to the County Hos... ...o vote. This requires a ...n to the Plaza and then ...way out Nevada Street, ...own the Willow Valley ...the hospital, pretty close ...miles in all. Odd count... ...of this remarkable journey ...is the predicament of ...neighbors right across ...Street—they have to go ...to Gold Flat to vote! How ...putting a precinct up on ...r street, friends—do you ...it could be worked?

Doris Crispin Is Wed ...obert J. Aitken, Jr.

...SS VALLEY: Miss Doris ...Crispin and Robert James ..., Jr., were married Sunday ..., October 19th, in the ...st Church here with Rev. ... Getty, pastor.

...bride is the daughter of ...d Mrs. W. B. Crispin of ...street. It was a double ...eremony and the bride's ...gave her in marriage. Mrs. ...D. Kennedy, sister of the ...was matron of honor. Elv... ..., another sister, was ma... ...r. Constance Crispin, a ...ister, and Miss Edith Os... ...were bridesmaids.

...rt J. Aitken, Sr., father of ...ridegroom, was best man. ...s were Richard Planteen, ...een, Richard Bibby, Mal... ...Furbush and Robert D. ...ley.

...Marian Cornish Wells was ...as accompanied by Mrs. ...Cornish on the organ. ...Crispin, cousin of the bride ...Douglas Aitken, brother of ...bridegroom, were candle ... The reception was in ...y Hall. Mrs. Floyd Cart... ...was hostess and serving ...her were Mesdames Elwood ..., Richard Collin, Conley ..., Jr., and Misses Margaret ..., Joyce Crispin, Helen ... and Jean Archibald.

...the couple returned ...their honeymoon in Santa ..., they will live at 1723 I ... at Sacramento.

...bridegroom is the son of ...Charles Goss, 2821 Castro ...Sacramento. He attended ...mento College and Stanford ...ity and served in the late ... a lieutenant in the Army ...Force.

...e Crispin graduated from ...ras Valley High School and ...Sacramento College and ...State College where she ...in music.

JOHN JOHANSEN DROPS DEAD

GRASS VALLEY: Funeral arrangements are pending in Myers Mortuary Chapel for John G. Johanson, who dropped dead yesterday morning in his home on the Lower Colfax Road. He was about 63 years of age and was formerly employed by Standard Oil Company of California. He formerly resided in Richmond and purchased a home here about a year ago.

Funeral arrangements await the arrival of a bereaved daughter from Richmond. His wife survives.

35 GALLONS APPLESAUCE

NEVADA CITY: In continuance with the Nevada City Elementary Parent-Teacher Association's program of helping with the school lunches, a second group of members worked at the cafeteria on Thursday afternoon making 35 gallons of apple sauce which was quick-frozen in the school's freezer.

Those members helping on Thursday afternoon were: Mesdames Howard Smith, Herman Carr, Lloyd Geist, John Smithson, Miles Coughlin, Stanley Wright, Florence Schwartz and Helen Berger.

READER ASKS A PERTINENT QUESTION

October 20, 1947

Editor,
The Nevada City-Grass Valley Nugget,
Dear Sir:

A $64 question: Now that Grass Valley is going to install parking meters, where will the folks go who (theoretically) have been journeying to Grass Valley to trade, so as to get away from putting a few pennies in the Nevada City meters?

(Signed) H. F. S.

CLIFF CARVETH IS DEFENDING CHAMP

GRASS VALLEY: Cliff Carveth is defending his title as champion of the most important medal tournament of the year on the Nevada county Golf Club's links. Saturday began the contest for the president's cup, now in a display window on Mill street.

The award is to the low net scorer. Carveth won last year with a 266, but due to recent rains it was predicted 272 may win the cup this year. Besides having his name engraved on the cup, the winner of the series beginning yesterday and running until November 16th, when the finals will be played, may have also the lion's share of other prizes. It is a 72-hole medal contest less the entrant's handicap, played in four 18-hole rounds.

GAIL REED IS NOW IN DOUBLE TROUBLE

NEVADA CITY: Gail Reed, 20, of this city, held to answer in the juvenile court Thursday for contributing to the delinquency of two minor girls, was yesterday charged with forgery. The warrant for his arrest came from Santa Rosa.

JAKE SCHRAM BUYS INTEREST IN McLARD'S

GRASS VALLEY: Bruce McLard of McLard's Drug Store on South Auburn street, has sold his half interest in the establishment to Sterl Boothby and Jacob Schram. The former comes from San Carlos, San Mateo county Schram has been a resident here for a year.

Boothby was formerly engaged in the drug business in San Carlos, but moved to Grass Valley in the interest of his son's health. W. B. McLard, father of Bruce McLard, retains his half interest in the property.

TED CONDIT BUYS PANTER ELECTRIC CO.

NEVADA CITY: Edward Theodore (Ted) Condit has purchased the Panter Electric Co. on Commercial Street. Condit, in addition to the retail appliances business, will operate a refrigeration and electrical repair service.

He and his wife, Marian, have purchased a home on Banner Road, near the Deschwanden ranch.

Condit recently graduated from a refrigeration school in Los Angeles.

MASONS GIVE 50-YEAR PINS TO GEORGE LEGG, R. J. BENNETTS

NEVADA CITY: George A. Legg and R. J. Bennetts, with appropriate ceremonies, on Saturday received 50-year pins at a past masters night in Nevada Lodge, No. 13, F. and A. M.

The ceremonies began at 4 p. m., during which the master Mason degree was conferred on a candidate followed by a buck stew. After the dinner, a second master Mason degree was conferred on another candidate. Raymond V. Worthley was in charge of the meeting.

HUGH BEIN GOES TO JOB IN PHILIPPINES

GRASS VALLEY: Hugh Bein, Grass Valley mining engineer and metallurgist, will take a post in the Philippine Islands with a large copper company, of which Charles Foster, formerly of this city, is manager.

Bein has been associated with Lewis Huelsdonk of the C. L. Best mines of Downieville, Sierra county. Mrs. Bein and children will live with her sister, Miss Ellen Johnson of Sacramento, pending arrangements for a home in the Philippines.

PEARDALE WOMAN SHOOTS HERSELF

GRASS VALLEY: Leafy L. Ramey, wife of Willard Eugene Ramey and mother of two children, Friday morning committed suicide in the family home in Peardale by shooting herself through the head with a .22 calibre rifle.

The shot aroused her husband, still sleeping. He found his wife in a chair in the living room. Aided by his brother the two hurried the woman to the Community Hospital here. She died before reaching the hospital.

Coroner Alvah Hooper pronounced the death a suicide. Sheriff Richard Hoskins investigated the tragedy. The woman he reported had taken an overdose of aspirin the night before but had emitted it. She was in poor health and despondent. Her husband is a tiling contractor in Grass Valley.

Besides her husband she leaves two young daughters, Mary Louise, eight; and Bunny Jean, six. She was born in Fresno 29 years ago. Funeral services will take place Monday at 10 a. m. in Hooper and Weaver Mortuary. Interment will be in Elm Ridge cemtery.

Historical Society Goes on Excursion

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada County Historical Society went on the last excursion of the year Sunday with a tour of the North Bloomfield and Relief Hill region. Robert Paine was guide to the members, and Dr. C. W. Chapman and H. P. Davis, of this city, gave historical notes and data beginning with Edwards Crossing of the South Yuba River.

Lake City a mile west of North Bloomfield was the scene of many stirring incidents in early placer times, and H. P. Davis recounted some of the incidents of the pioneer days.

The group was entertained in North Bloomfield by Mrs. Mary Kallenberger, who was born there; her son, W. W. Kallenberger and Phil Cummins. Each told interesting stories of the Malakoff Diggin's and adjacent placer operations. Mrs. Kallenberger played a charming piano solo in her home.

At the Relief Hill Placer Mine luncheon was served consisting of hot beans, rolls and coffee. The party returned by way of Washington, another early day mining center, devoted now to the lumber industry.

THE QUESTION—WILL CHAMBER O. K., CO. GROUP

NEVADA CITY: George C. Hansen, president of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, has called a special meeting of members at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, October 23rd.

The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether or not the chamber should contribute from its treasury to the organization of a Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, President Hansen expects a large attendance of the members.

HOSKINS GOES TO CASSVILLE, MISSOURI

NEVADA CITY: Sheriff Richard W. Hoskins left yesterday for Cassville, Missouri, where he will take custody of Lilburn Preddy of this city, arrested on a charge of car stealing in Nevada county.

PAIR FINED FOR DRUNKEN ESCAPADE

GRASS VALLEY: Edward E. Rice, 28, of Colfax, Placer county, yesterday pleaded builty to battery and to driving while intoxicated before Justice of the Peace Charles A. Morehouse. He was fined $50 and sentenced to 10 days in jail for battery and $200 or 100 days in jail for driving while drunk. Assistant Chief of Police Henry Strick had arrested the pair.

His companion, Gerald Kirby of Colfax, pleaded guilty to drunkenness on a public highway and was fined $15.

John Valeschini, who was badly beaten by Rice, suffered a broken nose and contusions. He stated on his hospital bed yesterday that the fight took place, not in the California Inn premises, as first reported, but in the Hills Flat Club. His condition, Dr. O. F. Lang said last evening, is such that unless complications are encountered, will permit his return to his home tomorrow.

HISTORIANS HEAR JOSEPH R. KNOWLAND

GRASS VALLEY: Joseph R. Knowland, Oakland publisher and chairman of the California Centennial Committee, Saturday evening addressed the Nevada County Historical Society at dinner in the Indian Mountain Ranch Resort on the importance of placing markers on buildings and spots identified with California's history.

The occasion was Cornish night, celebrating the role played in the gold mining industry here by the Cornishmen who form so large a part of the working and administrative staffs for the gold mines.

Knowland sketched the importance of the Centennial to all the counties which were on the receiving end of the gold rush. Ernest H. Hocking was program chairman and he had arranged for the presentation of a number of stories of the Cousin Jacks. Oakley Johns presented several singers who rendered old English songs.

Mrs. Alvina Crump, native of Nevada county, presented the society with a motor car her father, Richard Jeffrey, made in 1900. The car will be stored in the Nevada City Museum of the society. The family formerly resided on Race street in this city. Mrs. Crump now lives in Oakland.

COMPLETE REPORT OF NEW NID MANAGER, FORREST VARNEY

Report of F. F. Varney to the Board of Directors, Nevada Irrigation District

October 10, 1947—Directors' meeting.

The past few weeks have been occupied in making general inspections throughout the district and I find that it is truly a large district with many ramifications. While I have not seen all there is to see, I wish to make a few observations, most of which will not be new to you, but I feel we might profit by a review of pertinent conditions facing the Nevada Irrigation District.

Excellent products raised within the district were exhibited at both the Grass Valley and the Auburn fairs, for the two counties embracing the district. The fruits, vegetables, and livestock appear to predominate in the farming industry but handiwork of the ladies was quite evident in the canning and household exhibits. The younger members of the Future Farmers and 4-H clubs rank well with those of the other sections of the state in their projects, also.

Livestock exhibits are evidence of the green pastures nestled among the foothills and in the valleys. It is fine to see the fields of ladino spotted among the green of the timbered areas and probably no finer herds of dairy cattle will be found than some I have seen within this district.

The mines of the area have not been visited, but the scars in the mountains and gravel deposits in the stream beds tell very graphically of the great activities of the hydraulic miner of by-gone days. There is still "gold in them thar hills."

Potentially, however, the district has scarcely begun its development. Barren, dry gentle sloping fields are inviting the application of water to transform them into green pastures or blooming orchards. WATER is the lifeblood of the state and no less vital to this area. Beneficial use is the criterion for appropriation of water in this state and it would be unfortunate if this district should lose any of its water rights because of continued non-use. Water rights now established are believed to be normally adequate for the present and immediate future needs of the area but further control of the available supply, either through mountain reservoirs or valley storage, will eventually be required. Completion of Scotts Flat reservoir will go a long way toward solving that problem for the present. Parker reservoir site on Bear river might be needed in the near future, however, if this area is to receive its share of the prospective increase in California's population. Additional storage in the mountain areas would also insure more stable power releases and increase the amount available for agricultural use in the lower regions.

Distribution System

Having seen portions of the elaborate system of channels, canals, tunnels, flumes and pipe lines which constitute the distribution system of the district, it would seem that there is an excessive mileage for the acreage actually irrigated, which means a relatively high maintenance cost per acre. I am told that mining ditches formed the basis for some of the canal systems and probably influenced the location of most of them. Small flows served the mining interests but in some cases the small capacities of the canals are inadequate for the extended irrigation demands. Potential, and in some instances present, demands require enlargement of many of the canals.

Maintenance

Whether the canals require enlargement or might suffice for the immediate future, they require constant repair and general maintenance. The lack of proper maintenance has been especially evident in recent inspections, more particularly in respect to flumes and dams. Some repair work is now being done under the construction program but much more is needed to insure continued service. All of the channels have not been inspected but sufficient have been seen to emphasize the enormous problem before the district in this regard. This is not a case of snap judgment upon first inspection of a new project, for previous estimates for annual budgets have included items to cover pressing maintenance problems but lack of funds or desire to avoid additional assessments to raise the money has resulted in postponement of much necessary repair and maintenance work. Much of this work will not permit of perpetual postponement if service is to be continued.

Finances

Power revenues from normal water supply are designed to care for the payment of interest and principle on the original construction bonds under present long-term contracts. The recent issue of $1,000,000 for the construction work now in progress does not come under that provision and must be paid for by the water users. Storage at Scotts Flat will contribute some toward the power revenue but is primarily designed to provide a better irrigation supply.

Maintenance and operation costs of the distribution system, as well as payment on the recent bond issue, must be met by water charges and assessments on the lands of the district for agricultural water and by payments for domestic water delivered to urban and suburban areas. The amount of money thus obtained will depend upon rates established by the board after deciding upon a program for maintenance and expansion. Normally, there would have been a fund set aside through annual contributions for the amortization or replacement of the system as it deteriorated, thus avoiding the raising of a large sum at any particular time for extensive repairs. Evidently this has not been done and the assessment recently levied by the board will merely pay for the current year's expenses already contracted or anticipated before the beginning of the new year. Any work done during the coming year will have to depend upon receipts during that year. If no provision is made for the accumulation of a reserve to meet current expenses it is evident that the district will be continually paying interest on outstanding warrants.

Management

Successful operation of such a large business with its diversified interests will require the co-

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RAIN COMES OUT OF CLEAR SKY, TOTALS .62 INCH

NEVADA CITY: Weatherman Frederick Bush reported yesterday evening that .62 of an inch of water fell yesterday. The day dawned bright, with a clear blue sky. But by 9 a. m. gathering clouds began to precipitate.

It was clear again last evening.

Precipitation stands at 6.65 inches since July 1st. Bush estimated it was a little higher than usual for this time of year. Until yesterday, the weather had been dry since the 16th.

Meteorologist Edgar A. Fletcher is visiting this area. He requested Bush to turn in a weekly weather report, rather than a monthly weather report as has been the practice in the past.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST

NEVADA CITY: The annual breakfast of the Nevada City Fire Department was given yesterday morning in Beaman's Lodge of Pioneers Park. All members of the department and the Women's Fire Auxiliary were invited and most of them were present.

A chicken camp stew was served in the afternoon at three o'clock. Breakfast was served from 7 to 9 a. m.

LAST WEEK'S STORM BROUGHT 3.22 INCHES

NEVADA CITY: The storm of Wednesday and Thursday resulted in a precipitation of 3.22 inches, making the season's total 6.48 inches.

The last storm was extremely heavy with high winds. Most of the precipitation was during a 12-hour period Wednesday night.

PERSONALS

NEVADA CITY: Mrs. Lee Day is in the Miners Hospital. She is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Franc Luschen has returned from a trip to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Siegfried have returned from a vacation in Southern California.

William Muniker of the San Francisco regional office of the U. S. Forest Service, was a visitor here last Saturday, conferring with local forest officials.

William J. Wasley, acting postmaster of the local postoffice, has returned from a conclave of postmasters in Los Angeles.

Herbert Paine of North Bloomfield was a visitor early this week in the home of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Clara Phillips.

Veterans' News

Many veterans who took out National Service Life Insurance some time ago, will find it advisable to reconsider the designation of beneficiaries of their policies, according to Nevada County Veterans Service office.

Circumstances such as the death of a beneficiary, marriage, divorce, or birth of a child usually call for a change in the naming of a beneficiary, yet in many cases nothing has been done by the veteran to take care of this vital matter.

Many veterans are not aware of changes in the laws pertaining to beneficiaries, which might affect their policies.

Restrictions on the naming of beneficiaries have been lifted, and now the veteran may designate any person or persons, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, including his estate, as the principal beneficiary or beneficiaries under his policy, either individually or as a trustee. Formerly, only close relatives could be named.

The insured also has the right to designate one or more secondary beneficiaries in order to provide for the payment of the proceeds of his policy in the event of the death of the principal beneficiary or beneficiaries. If a beneficiary has not been designated, the proceeds of the policy will be payable in one sum to his estate.

Full information and assistance in preparing the necessary forms to designate beneficiaries may be obtained at the Nevada County Veterans Service office located at 310 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California.

News From the Ridge

By ALICE JANE HILL

In spite of difficulties such as a week of rain and the failure of electric power at the crucial hour when the doors were about to open on our North San Juan Farm Center Harvest Fair and Hobby Show, it was a great success.

The faithful few who donated their time to gathering and arranging the exhibits and, decorating Twamley Hall were finishing up the last details by the feeble glow of the electric bulbs when suddenly there was complete darkness just before the doors were to open. Oil lanterns and lamps were gathered up to light the hall but didn't prove successful. The emergency was met by Ed Kohler, who offered his home lighting plant. In record time the plant was brought to town and hooked to the hall wiring where it served nobly for the entire evening, lighting both the interior and grounds. Another emergency was met by Mrs. Beulah Hamman, making the coffee at her home so the School Benefit Booth was able to sell cake and pie with that indispensable beverage as planned.

The display of family exhibits would be a credit to the state fair with a table groaning under the varied products of the kitchen and garden entered by the William Moultons of French Corral, even to tsrawberries by Fred Butz of Celestial Valley and the mammoth vegetables from the Wright Colman ranch. Other garden exhibitors were Mrs. C. E. Pope of the Starlite Bow Ranch with the only watermelons exhibited. Mrs. Albert Proom of Sweetland and our youngest exhibitor, Robert Mumm, with a fine display of vegetables from the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Ed Kohler exhibited his apples from Gales Orchard in Sierra county. Lou Wood chestnuts grown in North San Juan and fruit from the Hill's home.

Of the historical items of especial interest was the domestic equipment of an early Chinese miner complete even to the chopsticks and toothbrush displayed by Johnny Mumm. Other historical displays were entered by Miss Therese O'Conner and Mrs. Margaret Madden of Birchville, Mrs. Jessie Toms of old Sebastopol, R. Carroll Hill and Ed Kohler.

A special mention is deserved of the fine exhibit of fancywork by Mrs. Wright Colman and her mother, Mrs. Carl Wolfe. Also, their fancy work for sale. Mrs. H. H. Brown's display of her work in oils and charcoals were admired. And the hobby exhibit of Mrs. Ernest Toms was very interesting. General Petroleum had a nice commercial display. The school booth outshown all with its gay festoons of green and orange paper and bouquets of flowers and autumn leaves and fine display of pictures drawn by the school children, who also had an exhibit of essays.

Work done by the special committees was much appreciated. Committee heads were Mrs. Erma Colman in charge of fancy work; Mrs. Fred Butz, garden and orchard products; Mrs. Frank Ad-

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JUST WONDERIN'

I Wonder about growing things
Trees principally and flowers,
And how some grow for many years
And some mature in hours,
I Wonder about desert plants,
Armored like knights of old,
Yet holding in their sullen hearts
Rare beauties manifold.

There was a little valley in the Malabu hills, near Los Angeles, and not so many years ago, it might well have been named The Valley of the Yuccas. During most of the year they were ugly things, those yuccas, but in the springtime they sent tall woody stalks skyward and hung out a profusion of waxen bells that filled the atmosphere with fragrance.

We were told that the yuccas of that little valley belonged to the century plant family, but in reality bloomed when only twelve years of age; be that as it may, there were enough of them reaching maturity each springtime to thrill the fortunate beholder with feelings almost akin to awe.

Out on the Mojave desert, there are many uncouth plants which grow for varying lengths of time—tall jade pillars that often branch out to take on the appearance of huge crosses and sometimes candelabra. There are also snake-like growths that extend long swaying branches from the parent stalk and in appearance are ugly and repellant, but within these fantastic children of the gentle goddess Flora are the potentials of exquisite beauty and sometimes, perhaps after years of slow, unlovely growth that beauty burst forth and it is to be regretted that these exotic desert flowers are so often "born to blush unseen," for they are of unbelievable loveliness that makes one forget the ugly plants which they adorn.

I Wonder if humanity, which so far, has been a strangely blended specimen of good and bad and which, like the desert plants, is still barbed and unlovely, will some day rise above the unloveliness of the present and blossom in the free air of a purer and better atmosphere.

Will it some day hang out the flowers of faith and hope, of human kindness, understanding and merit, will there be a springtime for this troubled world of ours, a springtime in which that strange plant, humanity, will reach up to the skies and reveal the beauty and fragrance which are even now its inherent potential.

Some day I'm going to write the thinnest history that was ever produced. I'm going to take a nice big history of the world in hand and expurgate every page that speaks of war or of human hatred and distrust and at the end of my labors, if I have not the last word in those volumes, I'll observe two meatless days each week and eschew poultry altogether.

Uncle Silas says: "Now that we have a new representative in the halls of state, let's keep our eyes on him and see to it that he keeps his mind on us.

—Adeline Merriam Conner.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4778

In the Matter of the Estate of Emily Marsh, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, BESSIE M. MacBRIDE as Executrix of the Estate of Emily Marsh, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executrix at the office of H. Ward Sheldon, Union Building, Nevada City, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Emily Marsh, Deceased.

Dated: 1947.

BESSIE M. MacBRIDE,
Executrix of the Estate of
Emily Marsh, Deceased.

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BIRTH

BJORNSTAL—In Nevada City, Nevada County, October 9, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Bjornstal, a son.

OIL DILUTION

Dilution of crankcase oil in your car may be caused by defective spark plugs or other ignition parts which are not operating efficiently, warns the California State Automobile Association. Faulty ignition allows unburned fuel to wash down the cylinder walls and enter the

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4786

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of BERTHA SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, H. A. Curnow, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Bertha Smith, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor at law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, attorney-at-law, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, California, the same being his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Bertha Smith, deceased.

Dated: October 20, 1947.

H. A. CURNOW,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Bertha Smith, Deceased.

Frank G. Finnegan,
Attorney for Executor.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

ABRAO-PERRY — In Nevada City, Nevada County, October 18, 1947, Albert C. Abrao, 19, and Dolores Aloysia Perry, 15, both of Grass Valley.

NUGGET RECIPES

LEAN BEEF LENDS SAVOR TO PLEASE AT MORE SUBSTANTIAL AUTUMN MEALS

Yipee' Little dogies are gittin' along! There's a round-up on the range—and that means beef headed for your pot roasting kettle, your Swiss steak skillet, and trusty stew pan. This is lean beef, the kind for which western ranges are famous at this season of the year.

Leaner than the beef that's used for oven roasts and for boiling, this is meat that's best cooked by braising, a method of meat cookery that's summed up in the phrase "simmer slowly." Braising is a "love it and leave it" style of cooking lean meat. It takes time but you can leave it while the time's being taken. The only attention braising takes from you is a preliminary browning of the meat. Add just a little liquid and the seasoning, pop on a tight cover, and you're free to leave to sew, to clean, to dust as you will around the house. Low heat will cook your braised beef beautifully with no more notice from you than an occasional peek under the lid, and perhaps a bit more liquid added.

LEAN BEEF NOW—BROILING MEAT SOON

Some of the cattle off the range are coming to market now. They're the lean beef kind. Others are being shuttled to still another stage of development so their weight will be increased, their lean meat marbled with fat. These are promissory notes on what's coming to you later in the season. Right now, make the most of the lean beef that's ready for your table. Remember that no matter what the cut, kind or cost of meat, it all contains the same splendid nutrition—high quality complete protein, B vitamins and essential minerals.

These recipes point the way to enjoying lean beef at its best. You'll find they match the brisk weather in appetizing style!

Hidden Secret Hamburgers

1½ lbs. ground beef.
1¼ teaspoon salt.
1-8 teaspoon pepper.
½ teaspoon paprika.
½ teaspoon dry mustard.
2 teasps. Worcestershire sauce.
2 tablespoons lemon juice.
3 tablespoons hot water.

Form meat into 6 cakes. Rub frying pan with fat. Place meat in pan: cook on one side, and then on the other, turning as often as necessary to insure even cooking. Mix salt, pepper, paprika, dry mustard, Worcestershire sauce, and lemon juice. Place meat cakes on platter, cut gash in top of each cake, spread with lemon mixture. Add hot water to skillet; stir to dissolve drippings; pour over meat. YIELD: 6 servings.

OFFICERS AT EASTERN STAR MEET

GRASS VALLEY: Four officers of Aurora Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, this week attended the Grand Chapter in Long Beach. They are Alma Powell, Blanch Barrett, Evelyn Collins and Marge Keckler.

BRAKING EFFICIENCY

Immediate inspection and adjustment of the brakes on your car when they are not properly equalized is advised by the California State Automobile Association. Braking efficiency is reduced by worn or damaged parts, which should be replaced.

TIRE WEAR

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NEWS FROM THE RIDGE

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dleman, school booth; Mrs. Jessie Toms, hobbies; Mrs. Mary Brown, art display; Miss Lois Butz, youth concessions; Mrs. Stella Sauer, Catholic booth and Miss Alice Hill, Methodist church booht; Fred Butz, auction and raffles.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Fred Butz, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Colman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Addleman, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ellsworth, Mrs. Beulah Hamman, Ed Kohler and David Lesher, owner of Twamley Hall for the help and assitance that they gave in setting up the show and cleaning up afterwards. And too, those that are too numerous to name, we wish to thank for the donations of cakes, pies, candy, etc., and their time to the various benefit booths.

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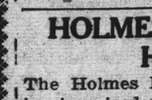
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He had resided in Nevada county but one year on a ranch west of Dew Drop Inn on Highway 49. The deceased was a farmer. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Andelle Grove, and a son, Harold Grove of San Francisco. He was born 58 years ago in Visalia, Tulare county.

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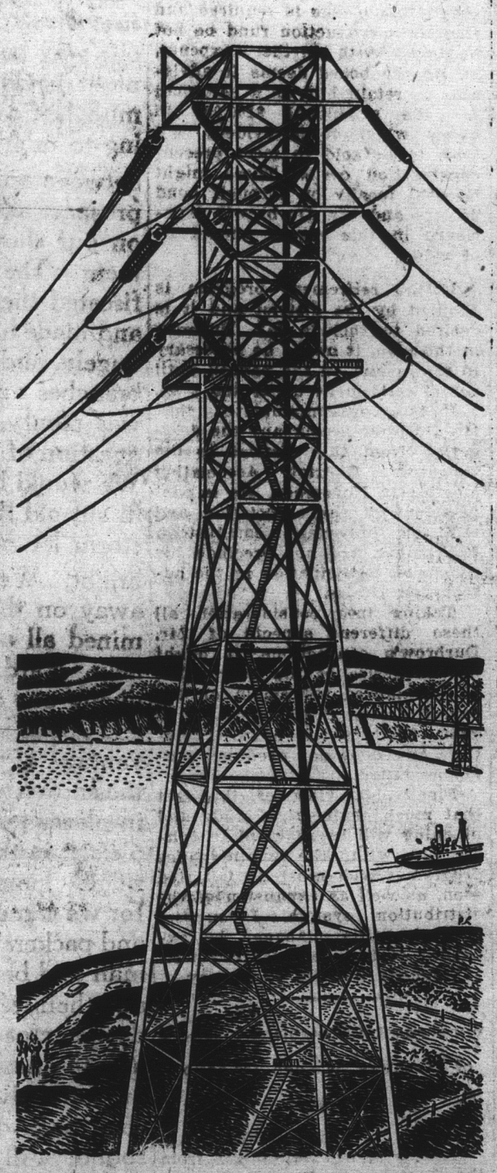

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

ISAAC H. KELLER and MARY E. KELLER, his wife, PLAINTIFFS, vs.

HARTFORD GRAVEL MINING COMPANY, a corporation, LAWRENCE MULLEN (also known as Larry Mullen), E. M. RECTOR, as administrator of the Estate of W. G. Richards, deceased, MARGUERITE JILBERT (formerly Margaret Allen), ALBERT G. ALLEN, COSETTE ALLEN HOLTMAN (also known as Cosette D. Allen), Mary Ann Davies, CAROLINE FRANCIS DAVIES, LUKE T. YOULTEN, PATRICK H. LEONARD and NELLIE H. LEONARD, his wife, DOYLE J. UNDERWOOD and ZORA Z. UNDERWOOD, his wife, JANE DOE, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, DEFENDANTS.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California and the Complaint filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county, Frank G. Finnegan, attorney for plaintiffs' Nevada City, California.

The people of the State of California send greeting to: Hartford Gravel Mining Company, a corporation, LAWRENCE MULLEN, (also known as Larry Mullen), E. M. RECTOR, as administrator of the estate of W. G. RICHARDS, deceased. MARGUERITE JILBERT (formerly Margaret Allen, ALBERT G. ALLEN, COSETTE ALLEN HOLTMAN (also known as Cosette D. Allen), MARY ANN DAVIES, CAROLINE FRANCIS DAVIES, LUKE T. YOULTEN, PATRICK H. LEONARD and NELLIE H. LEONARD, his wife, and DOYLE J. UNDERWOOD and ZORA Z. UNDERWOOD, his wife, JANE DOE, and also all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or INTEREST in the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto: Defendants:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the entitled Court by the above entitled plaintiffs for the purpose of determining all adverse claims to any clouds upon the title to all that certain real property situated in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, State of California, and more particularly described as follows; to-wit:

Commencing at fence corner on the southerly side of a road from which the quarter section corner on the line between Sections One (1) and Twelve (12) in Township Sixteen (16) North, of Range Eight (8) East, Mount Diablo Meridian, bear North 17° 42' East 176 2/10 feet distant, thence, along fence on Southerly side of said road, South 45° 38' West 108 82/100 feet to fence corner; thence along fence; South 49° 01' East 241 65/100 feet to hydraulic bank, thence, meandering said hydraulic bank to following points, North 78° 12' West 71 98/100 feet; South 31° 25' West 44 52/100 feet; North 80° 20' West 91 46/100 feet; South 74° 02' West 45 1/10 feet; South 43° 06' West 149 5/10 feet; South 86° 51' West 108 3/10 feet to fence corner; thence, along fence, North 29° 25' West 84 87/100 feet to corner of fence on South side of road, thence along fence on South side of road, North 52° 07' East 39 77/100 feet; thence along fence on South side of said road, North 67° 49' East 79 66/100 feet; thence North 31° 17' West 256 1/10 feet to corner of fence on Southerly side of old ditch; thence North 50° 38' East 179 3/10 feet to point on Southerly side of old ditch; thence North 50° 25' East 159 9/10 feet to corner of fence; thence South 38° 37' East 293 feet to place of beginning, containing 3 5/10 acres, more or less.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM all that portion of said parcel of land lying outside of the exterior boundaries of the Hartford Placer Mine, designated as Lot No. 87 embracing a portion of said Sections 1 and 12.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within this County, or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiffs will take judgment for any money or damage demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or plaintiffs will apply to the Court for any relief demanded in the complaint.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of this County of Nevada, State of California, this 22nd day of July, 1947.
(SEAL)

R. N. McCORMACK, Clerk.
By: R. E. DEEBLE, Deputy.
Frank G. Finnegan,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11,

NUGGET RECIPES

Meat 'n' Beans

2 tablespoons fat.
1 cup chopped onion.
1 lb. ground beef.
2 teaspoons salt.
1 No. 2 can tomatoes (2½ cups).
1 No. 2 can kidney beans (2½ cups).
1 teaspoon chili powder.

Melt fat in skillet; add onion and ground beef; cook, stirring constantly until onion is yellow and meat has lost red color. Add salt and tomatoes; simmer for 45 minutes: add beans and chili powder: simmer 15 minutes longer. YIELD: 6 servings.

Kettle Dinner

2 lbs. chuck or rump beef.
2 tablespoons fat.
1-3 cup flour.
½ teaspoon dry mustard.
½ teaspoon paprika.
2 teaspoons salt.
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.
1 bay leaf.
3½ cups water.
12 small onions.
6 medium carrots.
6 potatoes.

Have meat cut in 1¼ inch cubes. Melt fat in deep kettle. Combine flour, mustard, paprika, salt; dredge meat in flour mixture. Brown on all sides; add Worcestershire sauce, bay leaf and water; cover and simmer until tender. Add onions, carrots and potatoes; cook until vegetables are tender. When done strain liquid and measure for gravy, there should be 2½ cups. If not, add water to make that amount. Thicken, using 2 tablespoons flour with 3 tablespoons water for each cup of gravy. YIELD: 6 servings.

Creole Swiss Steak

1½ lbs. round steak.
½ cup flour.
1½ teaspoons salt.
1-8 teaspoon pepper.
3 tbsps. fat.
1 medium onion, chopped.
1 green pepper, diced
1½ cups canned tomatoes.

Have the meat man cut the meat 1 inch thick. Mix flour, salt and pepper. Place the steak on a board; add half of the flour mixture and pound with a mallet, or the edge of a heavy plate, until all the flour has been taken up by the meat; turn meat, repeat. Heat fat in frying pan; brown steak on both sides, add onion, green pepper and tomatoes. Cover tightly and simmer until tender. YIELD: 6 servings.

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Notice is further given that if no claim is made by the owner to the Director of Agriculture for said animal, he will sell the same as provided by law after 30 days from date of seizure.

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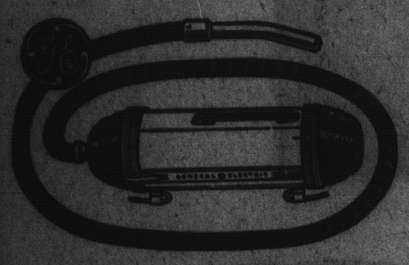
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Football Focus

By JOHN McALLISTER LEWIS

"So solly, pleze," for picking Ohio State over U.S.C. Keep in mind that I'm prejudiced regarding my alma mammy O.S.U. and inasmuch as the Buckeyes have emerged victorious over Southern California for so many years, I fell in line with other prognosticators.

The final tally, University of Southern California 32, Ohio State 0, and Columbus, the football capital, is in mourning. The Buckeyes just aren't the might this year they have been and their new coach, Wes Fesler, probably has lots of downtown quarterbacks to contend with.

Another Big Nine school with just an average team almost put the powerful Notre Dame world beaters to shame. Purdue outgained Lujack and his cohorts and if it wasn't for the superb generalship of the forementioned all-American quarterback, an upset was close at hand.

Final score—Notre Dame 22, Purdue 7, a close game on any school's gridiron.

Pappy Waldorf is a popular man these days and is deserving of praise. Back in Madison he used his whole traveling squad in soundly trouncing Wisconsin, incidentally another member of the Big Nine.

Cal is really rolling and may repeat the Stanford act as the Palo Alto boys did under the guidance of Clark Shaughnessy and Frankie "T" Albert. We predicted this possibility in a former article but won't discuss it further until it becomes a reality—if?

Virginia had a wealth of offensive power and sent the Cambridge gridders home soundly trampled upon.

The Uclans of West Los Angeles added another victory to their list by taking over Oregon. Consequently at this stage of the unpredictable game, UCLA, USC and Cal are all in the upper bracket of both coast and national statistics.

San Francisco's terrific start was halted by the Mississippi State squad Saturday. The margin was small but sufficient to give Coach McKeoun a headache.

Penn defeated a stubborn Dartmouth eleven and is still one of the nation's better football teams.

Well here we go again with forecasts of games to be played this weekend. So far our average has been pretty good—I hope it continues.

Michigan over Northwestern.
Illinois over Minnesota.
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COMPLETE REPORT OF NEW NID MANAGER

(Continued from Page 1)

operation of the manager and his staff of experienced assistants and the Board of Directors who represent the people, the real owners of the district.

It will be our aim to promote economy of operation, but proper maintenance and necessary enlargement of the system to meet growing demands of the area cannot be accomplished without the whole-hearted support of the district owners. Financial support is essential for an orderly program of operation.

Some districts are fully developed and are able to operate from receipts being equally distributed among the water users. Others have special problems applicable to a small portion of the district, the solution of which would be of particular benefit to the specific section of the district. The laws of the state governing irrigation districts have been modified to allow formation of "improvement districts" within the larger unit with provision for assessment of the lands which will be directly benefited to pay for specific improvements. These might either provide new facilities or improve existing ones. It is possible that this provision of the law would be applicable to certain areas within this district. Improvement District No. 1 was formed to provide improvement of the domestic water supply for a small suburban area. Specific studies of the areas experiencing deficiencies will be necessary and no offhand conclusions can be expected at once. Farmers within the critical areas should be alert to the possibilities for improvement within their particular sections.

Problems of the district are many, and varied in nature, requiring careful consideration, but in many cases immediate action. Rashness must be avoided, however. I plan to give my most diligent attention to the pressing problems of the district. I do not presume to know all the problems nor have the answers to all of them. With the loyal cooperation of the office and field forces of the district we hope to have a constructive program developed in the immediate future.

I appreciate Mr. Durbrow's cooperation in acquainting me with the general problems of the district. His continued counsel will be anticipated. His accumulated knowledge of details pertaining to the growth and development of the district could not be imparted or absorbed within the short period of our contact. We did take occasion to visit San Francisco and meet representatives of the banking and bonding interests, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the District Securities Commission, and the district's consulting engineers. All of these people were most gracious and offered every facility at their disposal to assist the district in maintaining a sound structure.

It has been suggested that Mr. Durbrow be retained in an advisory or consulting capacity, with special consideration to be given the completion of the present construction program. It was assumed that if he was assigned to construction the general fund would not be charged with the extra expense. In my opinion it would be immaterial as to which fund he were paid from because the district has to pay the costs in the final analysis. The fact that expenses or costs would be paid from the "construction fund" does not warrant more excessive payments. It is quite evident that even bond funds become exhausted. The French Lake dam is a mute evidence of this fact, as it is understood that funds were supposed to have been available to complete the raising of the dam but the funds were spent for other important work and the dam is a long way from completion. There is no time like the present to begin the practice of economy.

I have paid dearly for the month of instruction and do not feel that I should sacrifice further in that regard. So far as completion of present contracts is concerned, it was my duty to administer contracts amounting to millions of dollars of construction during the war period and I feel that with my appraisal of special features pertinent to the contracts by Mr. Durbrow and continued supervision of them by the consulting firm of Blackie an Wood, these contracts can be completed successfully.

My recommendation is that Mr. Durbrow be available on a consulting basis if and when his special knowledge is required and that the construction fund be not burdened with further expense, unless the board deems it advisable to retain him as a salesman for the additional $100,000 in bonds which it is evident will have to be sold to meet present construction costs. These might be sold locally or through bond dealers and Mr. Durbrow's experience in this regard should be of value.

If the retirement program is adopted by the district and it is desired to include Mr. Durbrow in the plan, it might be necessary to retain him on the payroll until actual retirement under the plan.

It is also contemplated that Mr. Durbrow accompany the delegation from this district to the Irrigatoin District Association meeting in November. He is past president of the association and still on important committees. Retirement will not preclude his continued participation in the association affairs.

Taking into consideration all these different aspects of Mr. Durbrow's connections, it might be the desire of the board that he be allowed to remain on the payroll during the balance of the year. That is the board's privilege and does not need my recommendation.

Finally, in view of the fact that much engineering study and planning will be required in connection with the maintenance program which must be initiated soon, as well as expansion of the distribution system, I suggest that the title manager be expanded to include chief engineer.

(Signed) Forrest F. Varney.

Supplemental Statement to Board of Directors, Nevada Irrigation District

October 10, 1947.

The attached clipping from the Sacramento Bee of October 9th, announcing the formation of the "Nevada Irrigation District Water Users Association" for the avowed purpose of uniting the water users of the NID to protect and further their interests, etc., comes as a surprise to me. I have the impression that that is the exact purpose of the present Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District. The district certainly is an association of the farmers of the area working for the common purpose of promoting economy, developing water resources, and establishing a program for the best interests of the district as a whole.

I do not doubt but what the board will welcome suggestions from the water users, the farmers of the district, and they will solicit the cooperation of all members of the district in improving the facilities and services of the district.

If the Water Users Association mentioned herein is designed to cover the entire district's problems, I do not understand its purport. On the other hand, if it is interested in some particular portion of the district and wishes to improve its situation in the district it might well fit into the idea of an improvement district authorized under the law.

So far as I am personally concerned, I will entertain suggestions from anyone in the district, whether they be organized or as individuals, and will give due consideration to plans which might be presented.

I trust that we are not launching a program of duplication in spending to determine the proper course for the future operation of the district. If any have money to spend it might be donated to the district's coffers and help in its necessary expenses for the immediate future.

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THE - Diary of a 49'er

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NOVEMBER 30, 1851.—A dozen times during the night Pard and I fought our way out into the storm, breaking off the dead branches of the pine log for our fire, as we did not dare to let it go out, and then fought our way back again. There was no sleep for us that night, and yet through it all the horses and the jack munched away at their fodder contentedly, not seeming to mind the rumpus a bit. That is the difference between animals and men. We were worried over the prospect and they apparently shifted the responsibility on our shoulders and the tempest had no terrors for them. The storm kept us in all the next day. We confiscated the cornmeal, mixed it with about half flour and made a mash for the animals, which they enjoyed hugely, and I managed to chop off a lot of young alder branches on the creek for them to browse on. There was plenty of grub for Pard and I, but there was a question of how long we would be forced to stay there. We would have given a few ounces to have been back in our old Rock Creek cabin. However, that night the storm let up and the next day the sun was shining bright. We knew that Oregon Creek was not very far away on the south side of the stream, and as it was mined all along its course we would be sure to find help. Pard wrote a note to whoever owned the cabin giving our names, address and why we burst it open, and about nine o'clock we started out. By taking advantage of the bare spots where the wind had blown the snow away and breaking trail through the woods—in places it was four feet deep—we managed by three o'clock in the afternoon to climb out on the top of the ridge. Here again we were in the biggest kind of luck, for we came out within a quarter of a mile of a station and packers' stopping place where there was plenty for man and beast. We stayed there two days resting up and then left for home and had no more trouble. That day we crossed the Middle Fork and put up at the Ford and the next day traveled through Cherokee, crossing our own river at the north of Rock Creek, and were soon back on our old stamping ground and safe and sound. All in all, we enjoyed the trip. We saw a lot of wild country, some grand scenery, and wherever we went we found men hunting and digging for gold. I guess we stopped at forty cabins on the way: never failed to get an invitation to grub, never were allowed to pay a cent, and I want to put it down right here that bigger hearted, more generous, or more hospitable men than there are in these mountains never lived on earth. Pard says yes—and deeper canons, higher peaks, nor wilder tempests cannot be found anywhere else. It makes us both pretty sober when we think of our two nights and a day down on the North Yuba river gorge.

DECEMBER 7, 1851.—Now that we are capitalists I believe we have both grown lazy. At least since we got back from our hard trip to the mountains we have done nothing much beside riding around the country to nearby localities and loafing about the cabin projecting and planning as to what we will do this winter.

One of our friends is working a claim on Gopher Point, just below Blue Tent, which he seems to think is rich. He offered us a quarter interest for $2,000. We rode over to look at it and concluded we did not want to buy. It is different from any other diggings in this part of the country, and is a puzzle to all of the miners. A bed of blue gravel lies about six hundred feet above the river, on a steep side hill, and seems to run into the mountain. All of the gravel down on Rock and Brush Creeks and on the Nevada side of Sugar Loaf is a loose mixture of quartz pebbles and sand easily washed, but this deposit has neither sand nor quartz and is as hard as a rock. The miners have to use blasting powder to blow it up and then it comes out in great chunks and has to be broken up with sledge hammers before it can be washed. There is no question that it is rich, as we could see the gold sticking to the rocks; but the men are not making very good wages on account of the difficulty of separating the dirt from the cobbles. I remember now that MacCalkins, who went to Walloupa and Gouge Eye last summer when there was an excitement over the discovery of bench claims in that locality, described this same sort of gravel that had been found where Greenhorn Creek cut through it. As that is on the south side of the ridge, it looks as if the streak ran clear through underneath the mountain.

FRENCH CORRAL NEWS

FRENCH CORRAL: Columbia Parlor No. 70, Native Daughters of the Golden West, recently held its monthly meeting at the historical old hall here. Three members who had birthdays in October served sandwiches, pumpkin pie, birthday cake and coffee. Lucy Kneebone decorated the hall with dahlias, zinnias and roses from her home.

WATER USERS

The North San Juan Water Users Association held their monthly meeting at the French Corral school house to discuss their water. It was reported that good progress on their projects had been made.

GUESTS AT MOULTON'S

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dudley, their daughter, Mary; Mrs. Frances Baker and sons, William and Robert of Sacramento; Mrs. Mary Fogarty and Mrs. Lena McCarthy of San Leandro were all weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Moulton at French Corral.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moulton of Oakland were visitors at the Moulton's in French Corral. They were accompanied by their children and Mrs. Moulton's father, William Pierce, of Nevada City.